

Remarks

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed October 7, 2005. At the time of the Office Action, claims 7, 21, 29, 39, 43, 44 and 48 were pending in this application, claims 7, 21, 39, 43, 44 and 48 were allowed and claim 29 was rejected. By way of this paper, claim 29 has been canceled to advance prosecution of this application to allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above application in view of the amendments and remarks presented herein.

The Examiner has rejected claim 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Pare* (U.S. Patent No. 6,230,148) in view of *Pollin* (U.S. Patent No. 5,727,249). The Examiner opines that the differences between the subject matter of claim 29 and the proposed *Pare-Pollin* combination would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made.

Without acquiescence or prejudice, the Applicants have canceled claim 29. The Applicants hereby respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection. In light of the foregoing, allowance of all pending claims is kindly solicited.


Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes that the Office Action of October 7, 2005 has been fully responded to. Consequently, in view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, including claims 7, 21, 39, 43, 44 and 48, which allowance is respectfully requested.

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